

07/31/00 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
 REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Date: July 31, 2000

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE DETECTION OF MICROORGANISMS BY FIBER OPTICS

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with(2 pages)
34 pages of specification and claims including
20 numbered claims and also attached is/are
8 sheets of accompanying drawings.
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
PI0003066-0	Brazil	21 July 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.
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